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TO AMEMBASSY PRAGUE

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SUBJECT:IREX SCHOLAR BENJAMIN PAGE

REF: PRAGUE 2414

1. DEPARTMENT HAS INFORMED IREX OF PAGE DECISION TO BRING SON TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA FROM GENEVA. INITIAL IREX

REACTION WAS TO ASK DEPARTMENT TO QUERY EMBASSY FURTHER WHETHER EMBASSY "IS MERELY POINTING OUT THE POTENTIAL RISK AND INDICATING THAT IT WOULD NOT BE A GOOD IDEA" OR WHETHER "EMBASSY SPECIFICALLY ADVISES AGAINST, OR OBJECTS TO, BRINGING THE SON" TO THE CSSR. IN LATTER CASE, IREX FELT IT WOULD BE OBLIGED TO REFER MATTER TO IREX BOARD. HOWEVER, IREX INDICATED THAT IT FIRST REQUIRED PRECISE AND UNAMBIGUOUS STATEMENT OF EMBASSY'S POSITION.

2. FOLLOWING DISCUSSION WITH DEPARTMENT AND FURTHER CONSULTATION WITHIN ITS OWN ORGANIZATION, IREX SUBSEQUENTLY DECIDED THAT EMBASSY'S POSITION IS AS CLEAR AS IT CAN BE UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES AND THAT THERE IS NOTHING WHICH THE EMBASSY HAS TOLD PAGE WHICH OBLIGES IREX TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REFER THE QUESTION TO ITS BOARD. IF EMBASSY DISAGREES

WITH FOREGOING AND/OR FEELS THAT AT THIS LATE DATE MATTER
SHOULD BE REFERRED TO IREX BOARD FOR POSSIBLE TERMINATION

ACTION, PLEASE INFORM DEPARTMENT ASAP.

3. BOTH DEPARTMENT AND IREX WISH TO BE INFORMED OF FURTHER
DEVELOPMENTS. INGERSOLL

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